Attorney Docket No: TRANSMITTAL LETTER 90018.0.30 **Under Small Entity Status** 3763 Examiner: Application Serial Number: Filing Date: Thompson, Kathryn L March 9, 2000 09/522,160 Invention: Port Device for Subcutaneous Access to the Vascular System of a Patient TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below. CLAIMS AS AMENDED ADDITIONAL HIGHEST NUMBER NO. OF EXTRA RATE **CLAIMS REMAINING** CLAIMS PRESENT FEE AFTER AMENDMENT PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR 30 \$ 0.00 **MINUS** 0 30 **TOTAL CLAIMS** 9 \$ 44.00 \$ 44.00 **MINUS** 1 10 INDEP. CLAIMS Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of: three months one month four months two months TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. A check in the amount of <u>\$</u> is attached. Charge <u>\$ 44.00</u> to Deposit Account <u>50-2382</u> No additional fee is required. October 18 2004 Kenneth M. Fagin date Reg. No. 37,615

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Examiner:

Thompson, Kathryn

Amendment

Dear Sir:

In response to the Quayle Action of September 22, 2004, and in further response to the Office Action of December 2, 2003, please amend this application as follows: